

Topic/Issue of Concern: Cardome

Question: Are you in favor of selling Cardome?

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Question: What specific action would you support to preserve a Georgetown Treasure, Cardome Centre?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: Museums, the Arts & Recreation are areas that have in the past been lumped together as “Quality of Life” issues. What areas would you include under “Quality of Life” & which ones would you support financially through the yearly budget?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: In light of the present economic climate, what are your top 2 plans for increasing revenue? What would that add (revenue dollars)?

Topic/Issue of Concern: Growth & Development

Question: What are your plans for “Attracting” new businesses to relocate to Georgetown?

Are we creating the proper Environment (taxes, growth, incentives, quality of life, etc.) that business would want to locate in Georgetown?

Topic/Issue of Concern: Growth & Development

Question: Vision 2020: Are you aware of the report, have you read it & what are the top 3 priorities yet to be accomplished that you plan to work?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue/Expense

Question: As a legislator, what are the first 3 things you will do to deal with the city’s financial crisis?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue/Expense

Question: As a legislator, what sources of information will you use to learn about the issues before making decisions on the City Budget & the priorities of the community?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue/
City Needs

Question: With the 2010 WEG coming to Central KY, How will the city prepare to be on the world stage as a host community & how will you pay for it?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: In regard to the various city services that are provided in this community...there are services that are required or needed for the safety & well being of the community, what current services would you consider as "wants vs. needs"?

What are the top 3 services you would reevaluate for funding during these tough financial times?

Topic/Issue of Concern: Cardome

Question: What role does Cardome play in your vision of our Georgetown/Scott County Community?

Topic/Issue of Concern: Inter-local Agreements

Question: The Georgetown/Scott County Revenue Commission is a classic example of streamlining government by combining the City, County & School System tax offices into one entity for dealing with business taxes.

What other government services should be pursued to streamline government for all citizens in the community?

Topic/Issue of Concern: Growth & Development

Question: What role should the City of Georgetown play in local, regional, state & federal issues impacting the community & citizens?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: Curbside Recycling is a big issue, but also costly.

What is your position & if you support it, how would you fund it?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: Are you in favor of raising the payroll tax?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: With the shortfall in revenue, the City voted to give 3% raises plus an additional 1% anniversary raise, plus adding additional benefits.

What is your position on this & how would you fund it?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: With the down turn in the economy, there are many more reasons to have bike lanes or side walks around Georgetown. This allows people to be able to walk to businesses & to Schools. This is also a great way for people to exercise. I notice people with strollers, in wheelchairs & walking on US 460/East Main from the water tower to down town.

When will this have a bike lane or a side-walk? This is a dangerous place where people continue to walk.

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: At any time would you consider raising taxes?

Topic/Issue of Concern: Inter-local Agreement

Question: What is your opinion of merged services, would you be in favor of it?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: If you had to cut spending, where would it be?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: What advice, if any, would you give Mayor Sames on dealing with the Budget shortfall?

How should we fix it?

Topic/Issue of Concern: Cardome

Question: What do you suggest we do with Cardome (should the city deal with it or get rid of it outright)?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: What in your opinion, is the most important issue facing Georgetown in the next 2 years?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: Do you feel the current council is doing enough to address the financial situation of Georgetown?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: Do you feel that the city & the county do enough to help each other in sharing costs of services?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: If elected, what is your 1st priority?

Topic/Issue of Concern: Growth & Development

Question: Has the City of Georgetown considered actions to reduce the number of Council members from 8 to 6?

Although Kentucky Revised Statutes authorize from 6-12 for the Mayor-Council forms of government, most cities have the minimum of 6. This action was taken by the City of Florence a few years ago. You might consider asking them whether or not the move has been beneficial.

Topic/Issue of Concern: Growth & Development

Question: As a member of the City Council for the City of Georgetown, would you entertain changing the form of government to the Manager-Commission plan?

The City Manager would be responsible for the day-to-day management of the city, supervising city departments, attending to citizen & employee concerns, etc. The elected Mayor & 4 Commissioners would conduct meetings, establish policy, etc. This would allow the city to be managed by a professional manager while maintaining elected officials for policy development, etc. (This would require a vote to the people. The question is limited to allowing the people to vote for such a change)

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: The Pavilion is a drain of city revenue.

Would you be willing to partner with the Scott County YMCA for usage?

Topic/Issue of Concern: Growth & Development

Question: Would you be willing to participate in an Economic Development 101 course?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: Six of the council, including the Mayor, have served over 8 previous years.

What was your part in the current deficit & what is your plan to correct it?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: What is your position on increasing revenues for city budget & where would you increase them?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: What areas do you think spending cuts need to be made to balance the city budget?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: Do you believe that the city can continue to afford full family health insurance premiums for city employees?

Topic/Issue of Concern: Growth & Development

Question: What is your opinion on the lack of funding for marketing activities of Lanes Run Business Park?

Topic/Issue of Concern: Inter-local Agreements

Question: Do you think talks should be initiated with the county concerning a merger of the two fire departments & would this provide a savings to both the city & county?

How would you go about merging the city & county fire departments?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: What is your position on collective bargaining & how will that impact future liabilities & costs?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: To generate sufficient revenue for Georgetown taxes may need to be raised. Are you in favor of raising taxes to achieve this?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue/
Services

Question: What do you think will be the result of cutting more staff & more benefits when there are numerous issues, many safety issues, that cannot & are not being properly addressed now?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: How can our goals be met by cutting the council members from 8 to 6 people?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: On a grading scale of A is Excellent, B is Very Good, C is Average, D is Poor & F is Fail, how would you rate the current city council's performance over the past term? Be specific, why?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: Why does the city need you on the council?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: Do you believe recognizing unions is a step the City of Georgetown should take?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: Are you in favor of the city implementing collective bargaining with unions?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: The mayor has released her plan for balancing a \$4 million shortfall in the city's fiscal year budget. Included in that plan are layoff's, reductions in employee benefits, the termination of the SAFER grant & using the city's reserves.

What is your opinion of the plan & as specifically as possible what changes would you make to that plan & still balance the budget?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: City councils have had a sometimes-contentious relationship with the past two administrations.

Do you believe that is healthy for the city? Why or why not?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: How would you improve the council's working relationship with the mayor?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: Currently, city council members are Georgetown's only part-time employees to receive health insurance benefits.

What do you think of this policy?

Topic/Issue of Concern: Cardome

Question: Cardome is often noted as a financial drain for the city.

What 2 or 3 options are realistically available for Cardome?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

Question: Cutting expenses is one way to address the city's financial problems another would be increasing revenue.

How would you propose the city increase its revenue?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: What is your position on privatizing garbage collection?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: Why do you want to be on the City Council?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Revenue

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Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: What is the greatest accomplishment of the current city council? What is the greatest failure? Why?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: The SAFER grant for the Georgetown Fire Department has been a topic of discussion. The mayor has suggested that the SAFER grant be cancelled in order to balance this year's financial budget.

What is your position on the grant? Why?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: For incumbent council members, what issue did you personally lead of which you are most proud?

For potential council members, what issue would be your personal top priority & how would you lead to get it approved?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: There has been some discussion to move management of Ed Davis Park from the Georgetown/Scott County Parks & Recreation to a city committee.

What is your position on this issue?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: Do you favor moving from “at will” to a “just cause” employment policy for the city?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: There has been much talk about the morale of city employees.

Do you believe this is a problem? Why?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: The city has recently moved from a fulltime attorney to contracting for attorney services.

In your opinion, how is that working?

Would you be in favor of continuing the contract of returning to a fulltime city attorney?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Services

Question: Outsourcing payroll was done to save the City money. The payroll personnel are still employed working on payroll.

How has this saved the City money?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: Has anyone looked into the legalities of just dropping employee benefits?

Topic/Issue of Concern: City Needs

Question: Would you be in favor of expanding the facilities & infrastructure at Ed Davis Park?

Topic/Issue of Concern:

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